as 101 with a foot note that these two questions may be answered together. Now question No. 101 has been answered on a previous day and I am asked now to put supplementary questions. I am prepared to put supplementary questions as I have got the file relating to question 101 but the point is there is real difficulty.

Mr. President.—Every effort is now made to put questions like that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Question 101 relates to the strength in the secondary classes of Girls' schools. It has been answered on a day as Appendix II. On going through these we find there are girls' schools and boys' schools existing side by side. The strength of the girls given in answer to question 101 is very low. My question is whether it is not possible to amalgamate the girls' schools and boys schools in these places where the strength of the Girls' schools is so low that there is no justification for continuing the Girls' schools as such thereby saving expenditure and at the same time not militating against the educational facilities of the children of the locality. I do not put supplementary questions.

Mid-wife P. Nagukutty—appointment of—particulars regarding.

221. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar *(Chittur Tattamangalam Town).*—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(a) whether one P. Nagukutty of Chittur was appointed as a Mid-wife; if so, when was the appointment order issued;

(b) did the said Nagukutty present herself before the Chief Medical Officer as per the order of appointment;

(c) when did she so present herself;

(d) was she taken in the service when she so presented in accordance with the order of appointment;

(e) if not, why not;

(f) when was she told that her appointment order had been cancelled ;

(g) who issued the order and who cancelled the same?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—

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(b) Yes.

(c) It is not possible now to state the exact date when she appeared before the Chief Medical Officer.

(d) No.

(e) Because the Chief Medical Officer had already made a reference to Government regarding her entertainment and final orders thereon had not been received.

(f) As per G. P. P5-18139/12 dated 15th June 1937, P. and P. D.

(g) The Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—What was the subject matter with reference to this question?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—The subject matter was that this mid-wife was officiating as a mid-wife in the maternity hospital, Trichur and during her officiating period she misbehaved and when she was discharged she was given a certificate to the effect that her services were unsatisfactory. According to the Staff Selection rules a certificate from the Head of the Department to the effect that the applicant has approved service should be furnished. This woman, in spite of the fact that she was given a certificate, did not produce it before the Staff Selection Board, kept it aloof and got the appointment. When she came in, a reference was made to Government, whether under circumstances of this certificate this woman is to be appointed or not. Government Proceedings came cancelling the order.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Was the reference to the Government made after her appointment?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—What was the serious charge against her involving severe censure by the Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Is it necessary and proper that the previous conduct or misconduct of a subordinate should be discussed in this Council? If the President orders me to do so, I am prepared.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—If he thinks that this is a matter which reflects upon the conduct of the woman, I do

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not want it to be discussed. If it is for any irresponsible way of doing work, we may be able to put one or two questions.

Mr. President.—The charge is of such a nature that it cannot be discussed.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—Am I to take it that the Chief Medical Officer was not aware of the fact that so and so was appointed when the Staff Selection Board had made their recommendation ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—I was aware of the fact only when I got the order.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—May I know whether the certificate given by the immediate superior was contrary to the substance of the certicate given by the Chief Medical Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—No. The immediate superior had reported against her in very severe terms. That report together with her explanation was forwarded to me. The whole thing was enquired into and I decided not to give her any further officiating appointment in the service.

Mr. President.—Questions numbers 222, 223 and 224 may be answered together.

222. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar *(Chittur Tattamangalam Town).*—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(a) was one P. Nagukutty of Chittur ever in Government service as a qualified Mid-wife;

(b) if so, when and for what length of time;

(c) was her work found satisfactory from all points of view while she was in service;

(d) if the answer to (c) be in the negative, was she ever informed and warned about the unsatisfactory nature of her work, and was she ever given an opportunity to explain her nature of work;

(e) if answer to (d) be in the affirmative, when and on how many occasions and with what result?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—

(a) Yes.

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